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## Alabama Cancer Control Summit launches plan for the next five years

**T**he Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition is continuing to build on a very successful history of cancer prevention and control. On June 17 the ACCCC hosted the first Alabama Cancer Control Summit that served as the platform to launch the second Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan which covers the 2006-2010 years.

"As progress has been made and gaps identified, the ACCCC worked to address these and other issues in the 2006-2010 plan," said Haley Justice with the Cancer Prevention Division. "Cancer disparities remain a problem in Alabama. Each section of the plan contains objectives or strategies that focus on tailoring cancer prevention and control messages to reach these populations."

More and more Alabamians are surviving a cancer diagnosis; therefore, an entire section of the plan is dedicated to cancer survivorship. This section addresses issues across the cancer care continuum. The ACCCC is dedicated to ensuring that each Alabamian diagnosed with cancer receives optimum care.

Suzanne Reaves, M.P.H., M.P.A., program manager who retired July 1, said she was heartened by the outcome of the meeting. "Many new members attended the quarterly meeting, and commitments were made from additional organizations. There was a renewal of enthusiasm and also more people were getting involved. People realize the benefits of having a coalition dedicated to cancer prevention and control."

The ACCCC is proud of its accomplishments over the past five years and looks forward to making more progress

in the future.

Each year, 24,000 Alabamians are diagnosed with cancer and an additional 10,000 cancer-related deaths occur. Alabamians are encouraged to modify their lifestyle choices and participate in recommended cancer screenings to reduce their risk of

developing cancer and thereby decrease cancer occurrence and deaths. These preventive risk factors include tobacco use, diet, lack of physical activity, and overexposure to ultraviolet light.

The 2006- 2010 Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan is divided into the following sections that address topics that are relevant to cancer control in Alabama:

- Prevention, including tobacco, nutrition and physical activity, and ultraviolet light



State Health Office Dr. Donald Williamson addressed the meeting.

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- Early detection, including breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate cancers
- Survivorship, including treatment and care, follow-up care and end-of-life care for cancer patients and survivors
- Environmental, medical and occupational exposure
- Surveillance
- Research

The plan is comprehensive and covers all aspects of cancer in Alabama. An emphasis has been placed on those who suffer the greatest burden of cancer morbidity and mortality - rural, minority, and medically underserved Alabamians.

Physicians, nurses, other health care professionals, community leaders, business leaders, researchers and cancer advocates who are interested in implementing the Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan are encouraged to contact Haley Justice at (334) 206-7066 for more information. The plan is available at [www.adph.org/ADMINISTRATION/accccp.pdf](http://www.adph.org/ADMINISTRATION/accccp.pdf).



Dr. Ed Partridge presents a certificate to Suzanne Reaves at the Alabama Cancer Control Summit. More than 120 persons attended.

## Alabama Department of Public Health

### Mission

To serve the people of Alabama by assuring conditions in which they can be healthy.

### Value Statement

The purpose of the Alabama Department of Public Health is to provide caring, high quality and professional services for the improvement and protection of the public's health through disease prevention and the assurance of public health services to resident and transient populations of the state regardless of social circumstances or the ability to pay.

The Department of Public Health works closely with the community to preserve and protect the public's health and to provide caring quality services.

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# Eastern Equine Encephalitis detected in South Alabama, precautions urged

**T**he public is advised to make every effort to reduce exposure to mosquitoes this summer. Two human cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, EEE, have recently occurred. As of July 14, a man in Escambia County had died from EEE and a Baldwin County resident was recovering from EEE. In addition, seven cases of EEE had been confirmed in horses: five in Baldwin County, one in Escambia County and one in Mobile County.

EEE and other mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus are transmitted from bird to mosquito to bird. Mosquitoes can spread these viruses by feeding on the blood of infected birds and then biting another host animal or mammal such as a horse or human. Although humans and horses can become ill from the infection, the diseases cannot be spread from people or horses.

Recent rains and debris that may be keeping water from draining properly heightens the risk for additional human and horse exposures from mosquitoes.

“With the recent cases of EEE in horses and humans and the probability of the higher mosquito populations because of localized flooding, it is important that everyone take measures to protect themselves from mosquito-borne viruses such as EEE,” State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson said. “If you must be outside, use DEET-based repellents and proper clothing to minimize exposure.”

To lower the chances of being bitten by mosquitoes, persons should remember the 5 D’s of Prevention: Dusk, Dawn, Dress, DEET and Drain. Avoid being outside during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Dress to cover your skin with protective clothing. Protect bare skin with mosquito repellent that contains DEET, and drain empty containers holding stagnant water in which

mosquitoes breed.

Avoiding mosquito bites and eliminating mosquito-breeding sites will help protect individuals and the community from Eastern Equine Encephalitis and the other mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus that occur in Alabama. People contribute to the continuing cycle of these viruses by maintaining environments (especially standing water) in which mosquitoes can lay eggs.

EEE in humans causes a clinical spectrum ranging from infection without any symptoms to encephalitis. Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain. Symptoms include fever, headache, and possibly confusion, disorientation, stupor, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, coma and death. People with encephalitis are sick enough that they will seek medical care and be hospitalized. The seriousness of an illness may depend on a person’s health and age. Persons over age 50 and younger than age 15 seem to be at greatest risk for developing severe disease.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the U.S. for humans. About one-third of people who become ill with EEE die and another third survive but with mild-to-severe brain damage. There is no vaccine available for people. In addition to human illness, these viruses also cause illness in livestock, particularly horses. Greater than 90 percent of unvaccinated horses that get EEE die. There is an approved vaccine for horses.

In addition, about one out of three unvaccinated horses can die from West Nile virus infection. There is also a vaccine to prevent West Nile virus infection in horses. Earlier this year there were two horses with WNV in St. Clair County and one in Escambia County.

## TV guests deliver health messages

**E**ach month dedicated staff appear on WAKA’s Midday News program’s health segment in Montgomery to discuss relevant health issues and to answer calls from the public. To show our appreciation, *Alabama’s Health* would like to recognize these staff members who take the time to participate in this valuable service.

July’s guests were **Sharis LeMay**, Healthy Child Care Alabama coordinator, and **Alice Toles**, child care health consultant for Healthy Child Care Alabama, both with the Bureau of Family Health Services. Ms. LeMay and Ms.

Toles informed the viewing audience about skin cancer prevention in the summer months.

If you would like to appear on WAKA’s Midday News program, please contact Takenya Stokes at 334-206-7026, or by e-mail at [tstokes@adph.state.al.us](mailto:tstokes@adph.state.al.us).

# Arthritis Control Program uses geocoding and social marketing for evaluation

The Alabama Arthritis Control Program explored new territory this month when Director Linda Austin contacted two important evaluation resources provided by the Health Department.

Using the sophisticated mapping software, ARCVIEW GIS, Kathryn Chapman, DrPA, of the Center for Health Statistics helped Ms. Austin pinpoint the locations of two types of ADPH Arthritis programs—People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE), Arthritis Self-help Course (ASHC), and a physical activity campaign of brochure placement and radio and newspapers advertisements.

By geocoding the programs and picturing their placement throughout the state, areas in need of new programs became clear. “Visualizing through maps is a wonderful evaluation tool for ADPH programs,” said Dr. Chapman. “Knowing the locations of programs is not nearly so useful as seeing the actual locations by zip code and also seeing where there are no programs on the map. The gaps on the map stand out very clearly.”

Based on geocoding the best places to start new PACE or ASHC classes will be in Mobile, Baldwin, Macon, Bullock, Cullman, Jackson and Bibb counties. Many of the counties along the Georgia border would also benefit from new programs.

The second evaluation resource used by the Arthritis program was to pinpoint the areas within the state (down to the block group level) that have the highest propensity for arthritis. The Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease’s Danielle Cole assisted the Arthritis program by utilizing Medstat Market Expert. This is a marketing and planning program licensed by ADPH that provides tools to identify and target populations for interventions and health education campaigns. Medstat enables administrators to combine data on lifestyle, demographics, health status, health behavior, and health services utilization.

Target areas for arthritis include counties on the western border of the state (such as Colbert, Franklin, Pickens, Choctaw) and counties located on or near the southern border of the state (Covington, Geneva, Conecuh.)

The Alabama Arthritis Control Program has been honored nationally for partnerships throughout the state, evaluation techniques, data collection and analysis, and programs that help people feel better, carry out life’s daily activities, and move with less pain. These two new evaluation techniques are examples of the innovative

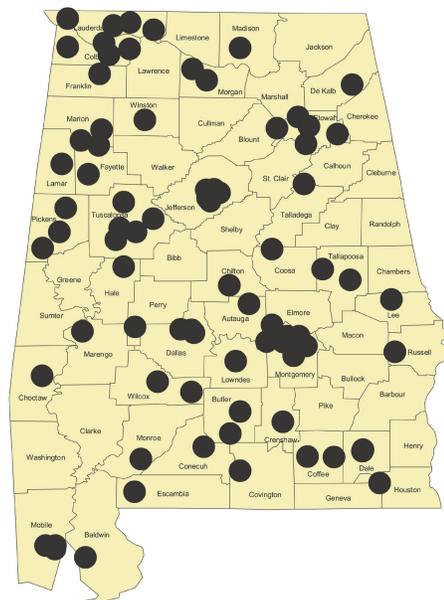


Kathryn Chapman, Dr.P.A., assists Linda Austin in pinpointing the placement of arthritis control programs.

management style of the ADPH Alabama Arthritis program. These identified high-risk populations and counties targeted for programs are opportunities for additional funding partners to join the fight against arthritis.

By *KATHRYN CHAPMAN, DrPA*

## Arthritis Evidence-Based Programs Alabama 2000 - 2005



# Boligee 2000 Inc. conducts Annual Parent Day

**B**oligee 2000 Inc., one of the Title V Alabama Abstinence-Only Education Program's (AAEP) community-based abstinence-only projects, recently conducted its Annual Parent Day Program for parents, youth, faith-based individuals, local citizens and community leaders as part of its on-going Parent Involvement Program.

The purpose of the annual program is to encourage parents, faith-based individuals, local citizens and community leaders to get involved in youth education by becoming familiar with the social, psychological and physical advantages of youth choosing abstinence until marriage, so they can promote abstinence until marriage as an expected standard of behavior and become advocates for abstinence in their community.

This year's theme was "Give Some Love: Truth and Consequences" and the event was held at the Mount Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church in Tishabee (Greene County), on June 5. The program was attended by a diverse group of approximately 50 individuals from the community such as parents, youth, faith-based individuals, local citizens and community leaders, which was quite a



feat for a project located in a small, rural county with a population of only 10,000.

The afternoon program featured a

guest speaker on the topic of "Empowered Parenting." Additionally, the project coordinator and staff discussed the importance of abstinence-until-marriage education and distributed abstinence-until-marriage pledge forms to all of the participants.

Congratulations to Boligee 2000, Inc., for its on-going parent involvement efforts, through programs such as this one, to provide parents, faith-based individuals, local citizens and community leaders in their county with abstinence-until-marriage education/information.



'Empowering parenting' was a guest speaker's topic at the Parent Day Program held at Mount Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church.

For more information, contact Eunice Outland, Boligee 2000, Inc. Project Coordinator, at (205) 336-8716, or visit the AAEP web site at: [www.adph.org/abstinence](http://www.adph.org/abstinence)

*This article on Boligee 2000, Inc., of Greene County, one of the Alabama Abstinence-Only Education Program's (AAEP) nine community-based projects, was featured in the Abstinence Clearinghouse's International E-Mail Update for July 6.*

# Annual Black Belt Health Care Summit focuses on keeping children healthy

The theme for this year's Black Belt Health Care Summit is "It takes a village to keep our children healthy." The summit will be held at Embassy Suites in Montgomery on Aug. 4-5. Started last year, the annual summit is aimed at eliminating health care disparities throughout Alabama's Black Belt counties and other areas by bringing together organizations that work in the Black Belt regions with the goal of finding solutions to help those in need.

This year the summit will focus on keeping children healthy through the following activities:

- \* Review the emerging issues impacting children's health in the Alabama Black Belt region and reveal frameworks and best practices that are designed to improve the overall health and wellness of children.
- \* Provide a forum for health care providers, academicians, youth groups, church leaders, concerned parents and school administrators to discuss the development of tailored, culturally-sensitive solutions and strategies to address the needs of underserved children residing in the Alabama Black Belt.
- \* Learn how public policies and legislation can encourage and support the growth and development of healthy children and communities.
- \* Profile the contributions and innovations of diverse partners working together to promote children's health and wellness.
- \* Describe innovative health approaches used to improve the delivery of and access to children's health care

services.

- \* Compare and contrast national and state level children's health trends to the leading children's health indicators in the 12 Black Belt counties.
- \* Utilize discussion villages to identify barriers and develop viable solutions to improve the health of children.
- \* Describe the relationship between poverty and the state of children's health in America and the Alabama Black Belt.
- \* Develop and implement a strategic action plan to promote health and wellness among children.

Featured speakers include Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright, State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson, State Treasurer Kay Ivey, Congressman Artur Davis and numerous other senators and physicians from around the state.

"We understand that the health care needs in rural Alabama are challenging, however, together we will find unique solutions in improving health care and begin to eliminate health disparities," said Dr. Leon Davis, founder and president of Community Care Network.

The department has provided support in planning the conference. For more information about the summit, please call (334) 269-6251, or visit the Community Care Network's Web site at [www. Comcarenetwork.org](http://www.Comcarenetwork.org).

*By TAKENYA STOKES*

## Jim Russell to head state ARSEA

Jim Russell, retired administrator of the DeKalb County Health Department, has been elected president of the 20,500-member Alabama Retired State Employees' Association. Russell worked more than 30 years as administrator supervising the Cherokee, Cleburne and DeKalb county health departments. He will serve a one-year term.

ARSEA executive director Warner Floyd stated, "Our association is extremely lucky to have him at our helm as we work to ensure that the needs and concerns of state and local government retirees across the state are met. The association works on behalf of retired public employees."

Russell was the first Alabama State Employee of the Year in 1983 and was named the Fort Payne *Times-Journal* Citizen of Influence in 1998. The Alabama Public Health Association awarded him the Frederick Wolfe Award in 1987.

## Take precautions to prevent drowning

**A**ccording to the Center for Health Statistics, 59 Alabamians died due to drowning in 2003. Drowning was the second leading cause of unintentional death in Alabama's children, ages 1 —14 in 2003. Injuries due to nonfatal drowning incidents are also of concern because they can result in brain damage and long-term disabilities.

For every child who drowns, three received treatment at an emergency department. Children under the age of 1 most often drown in bathtubs, buckets or toilets. Children ages 1 - 4 most often drown in residential pools; many of which occur at the child's own home. As children get older, the risk for drowning in open waters such as rivers, ponds, and lakes increases. Other individuals at risk include males and African Americans.

Boating also carries an increased risk for injury or death. In 2002, 5,705 boating incidents were reported to the United States Coast Guard. Of those incidents, 4,062 reported injuries and 750 reported deaths. Most fatalities, or 70 percent, are due to drowning. Other causes include trauma, hypothermia and carbon monoxide poisoning. Alcohol was reported as a contributing factor in many of the boating-related deaths.

The following is a list of tips that can help reduce risk of injury and deaths due to drowning:

- \* Keep small children away from buckets containing 5 gallons or more of liquid.
  - \* Children should be attended by an adult at all times while swimming, playing or bathing.
  - \* Prevent children from entering a pool area unattended by using isolation fences that are at least 4 feet tall are self-closing/self-latching.
  - \* Install a phone near the pool area.
  - \* Never swim alone or in unsupervised areas.
  - \* Read and obey all rules and posted signs.
  - \* Check water depths before swimming. The American Red Cross recommends a 9 foot minimum for diving or jumping.
  - \* Do not use air-filled swimming aids in place of life jackets with children as they can be easily punctured and deflate.
  - \* Never drink alcohol during or before swimming, boating or water skiing.
  - \* To prevent choking, never chew gum or eat while swimming, boating or water skiing.
  - \* Always wear a life vest when boating.
  - \* Become a certified boat operator, which is required in Alabama. Information on Alabama's boating rules, regulations, and enforcement can be accessed at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).
- \* Children ages 4 and older and adults are encouraged to learn how to swim. Swim classes are not encouraged for children under the age of 4.
  - \* Learn CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).

*By AMANDA CALHOUN, M.S.P.H.*

# Public health social workers receive recognition

Three outstanding public health social workers were selected as Public Health Social Workers of the Year for 2005. These individuals were recognized at the 14th Annual Public Health Social Work Seminar at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa on April 20.

The 2005 winners were chosen from a pool of 17 nominees in the categories of social work management, clinical social work and home care social work.

Dollie Hambrick, director of the Social Work Unit, Office of Professional and Support Services, coordinates the presentation of the awards. Selections were made by a three-member panel of judges, two of whom are employed outside the department.

The Public Health Social Worker of the Year for Clinic is **Adrian Casey**, public health social worker with the Patient First Care Coordination Program in DeKalb County. A letter of support stated, “Mr. Casey has earned respect from his coworkers and the community for all he does on the job and off. When in the clinic, Mr. Casey has always been great at problem solving, taking initiative and suggesting ways to improve services.”



Dollie Hambrick presents the clinic award to Adrian Casey.

Another supporter said, “Because of language barriers and cultural differences, it can be difficult to ensure that our

Latino community’s needs are identified and met, but Adrian is ever diligent in his goal of ensuring quality care and compassion for these clients.”

Manager of the Year honors went to **Mitchelle Brooks**, Area 2 social work manager in the E/D Waiver and Home Health Program, Huntsville. Numerous letters of support recounted her commitment to the profession of Social Work and its values. A supporter said, “She looks for the



Mitchelle Brooks received recognition as Manager of the Year from Ms. Hambrick.

best in people and they naturally respond to her in a positive way.” Another stated, “Mrs. Brooks cares about people and is willing to assist with whatever is needed to get the job done. Because of these personal traits, I can confidently say that she is dedicated to her work, devoted to people, and dependable in a crisis.”



Stacy Purvis, shown with Ms. Hambrick, was selected in the home health category.

**Stacy Purvis**, public health social worker with the Elderly/Disabled Waiver Program with the Madison County Health Department in Huntsville, was named Public Health Social Worker of the Year for Home Health.

An 85-year-old client wrote, “When I talk to her about my problems, I believe she goes far and

beyond her duty to see that my needs are met, whether it be housekeeping, medical, housing, etc.”

Many other clients praised her for her help in getting matters beyond their control resolved.

A letter of nomination for Ms. Purvis stated that she “embodies all the characteristics of a true social work professional, from being understanding and caring to being an advocate for her patients.”

# Angel Flight coordinates free air transportation for those with medical needs

## What would you do?

- If your friend, family member or employee needed transportation to participate in a new life-saving medical treatment or a special clinical trial at a distant hospital?
- If your child needed specialized medical treatments on a regular basis at a medical facility far from home?
- If your spouse or parent needed to have a pilot on standby to immediately fly to a distant hospital for an organ transplant on a moment's notice?

And what if the financial resources did not exist to provide for these important transportation needs?

According to Community Representative Rebecca Buescher Harris of Angel Flight Southeast, Inc., there is hope and help for those in need.

Angel Flight Southeast, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that utilizes volunteer private pilots and their small aircraft to provide free transportation for financially stressed persons with medical or other compelling human needs. It

serves patients and passengers whose flights originate in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Pilots fly missions to provide transportation for the following:

- Organ transplant candidates
- Clinical trial and other research
- Chemotherapy and other repetitive treatment
- Victims of abuse seeking relocation
- Patients and families receiving assistance from Shriners Hospitals, Ronald McDonald Houses and other organizations that serve the community.
- Homeland Security and emergency disaster relief.

There is never a charge for these services because pilots donate their time and aircraft to fly those in need.

For more information about these services or to become an Angel Flight pilot visit [www.angelflightse.org](http://www.angelflightse.org) or call the Angel Flight Mission Hotline at 800-352-4256.

## Honors and awards

**F**lorine Croxton, research analyst, Center for Health Statistics, has been inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society and Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for the field of public affairs and administration. Pi Sigma Alpha was founded in 1920 at the University of Texas. Its purpose is to bring together students and faculty interested in the study of government and politics.

Ms. Croxton will serve as president of the Auburn University Montgomery chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha for the 2005-2006 academic year. The purpose of Pi Alpha Alpha is to encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration.

The society's objectives foster integrity, professionalism and effective performance in the conduct of government and related public service activities. Pi Alpha Alpha's membership identifies those with the highest performance levels in educational programs preparing them for public service careers.

Ms. Croxton received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Management with a minor in Human Resource Management from the University of Alabama in 1988, a Master of Science in Management Degree from

Troy University Montgomery in 2004; and is a candidate for graduation from Auburn University Montgomery in the fall 2005, where she is pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

### Note to

**Supervisors:** If you are aware of honors or awards received by individuals in

your units, please send this information to *Alabama's Health*, Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, RSA Tower, Suite 900, P.O. Box 303017, Montgomery, Ala. 36130-3017 or e-mail [asheehan@adph.state.al.us](mailto:asheehan@adph.state.al.us).



Florine Croxton

# Conference brings experts in the field of newborn screening

From sickle cell disease to metabolic nutrition to genetic evaluation for children with a positive newborn screen. These were among the topics of the educational sessions from which participants could choose at the Alabama Newborn Screening Conference June 24 at Auburn University at Montgomery.

The program, which featured national, statewide and local speakers, was cleverly titled, "Helping babies get started on the right foot." The target audience was pediatricians, hospital and pediatric nurses, laboratory staff, nutritionists and social workers that work with infants and children. Providers from around the state attended the conference.

More than 200 persons attended the one-day conference which featured excellent speakers, including keynote speakers **Brad Therrell, Ph.D.** and **Dr. D. Holmes Morton**. Dr. Therrell spoke on the World of Newborn Screening, while Dr. Morton gave a pediatrician's perspective on translating genetic testing into genetic medicine.

Other speakers and their topics were as follows: Dr. Nathaniel Robin addressed genetic advances in hearing loss.

**Dr. S. Lane Rutledge** spoke on "Inherited Disorders of Metabolism and the Primary Care Physician."

**Danita Rollin**, Microbiologist Laboratory Division Manager of the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories, spoke on blood specimen collection and handling procedures and ways to troubleshoot unsatisfactory specimens.

**Dr. Thomas Howard's** program was titled "Sense from the Alphabet Soup: The Impact of New Preventive Tools on Sickle Cell Disease in Children."

Other presenters included **Suzanne Geerts** and **Alicia**

**W. Roberts** whose topic was "A Taste of Metabolic Nutrition and Medical Foods."

Finally, **Judith Carol Franklin** spoke on "Genetic Counseling and Evaluations."

The program was sponsored by the Bureau of Family Health Services, Alabama Newborn Screening

Program and co-sponsored by Auburn University

Montgomery School of Continuing Education.



Brad Therrell, Ph.D., was a keynote speaker at the conference.



More than 200 persons attended the newborn screening conference.

## Retirees

The following Alabama Department of Public Health employees have announced their retirements recently.

### July -

**Shelby Armstrong** - Winston County Health Department

**James Baker** - Tuberculosis Control

**Bobbie Riedesel** - DeKalb County Health Department

### August -

**Carolyn Beasley** - Russell County Health Department

**Mary Carmack** - Lauderdale County Health Department

**John Dismukes** - Mobile Laboratory

**Helen Rutledge** - Cullman County Health Department

# Commendations

**H**ealth department employees who are listed here have received letters of commendation recently. To recognize other employees, please send letters through your supervisors or the state health officer to *Alabama's Health*.

**Donna K. Bridges**

**Brenda J. Desch**

Dallas County Health Department

from Wendy S. Blackmon  
Montgomery, Ala.

**Brenda Brugh**

Center for Health Statistics

from John Hankins  
Montgomery, Ala.

**Carolyn Duck**

**Victor Hunt**

**Benny Lee**

**Guy Nevins**

**Carol Williams**

Health Provider Standards

from J. Peter Selman, CHE  
Fort Payne, Ala.

**Carolyn Harvey**

Health Provider Standards

from Leah Hagan  
Montgomery, Ala.

**Dorothy Harshbarger**

Center for Health Statistics

from Marty Ramage  
Tupelo, Miss.

**Evelyn Jackson**

Center for Health Statistics

from Deltonya R. Warren  
Eufaula, Ala.

**Chuck Lail**

**Barbara Mack**

Primary Care and Rural Health

from A.B. Reddy, M.D.  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Kim Smith**

Center for Health Statistics

from John T. Ritondo, Jr.  
Helena, Ala.

**Betty Thomas**

Center for Health Statistics

from Robert Dimick, M.D.  
Brentwood, Tenn.  
Susie Leccese  
Tampa, Fla.

**Sherry Young**

Health Provider Standards

from John Hankins  
Montgomery, Ala.

# Word Pro's waterfall effect

**I**f you frequently work with multiple files open in Word Pro, you may find it easier to work with cascading file windows. Then, you can switch to another open file by clicking in any portion of its window, rather than using the Window menu.

To set this option, select Window, Cascade; or click on the middle icon in the upper-right corner of any document window (on the menu bar). To return to a full-screen view of each document, click on the same icon.

If you prefer, Word Pro will open all files as separate windows automatically. Select File, User Setup, Word Pro

Preferences and deselect Load Files Maximized. Click on OK, and from now on, any file you open will appear in cascade style.

*By TRACEY CANNON  
COMPUTER SYSTEMS CENTER*

July is International Group B Strep Awareness Month and UV Safety Month.



# Calendar of Events

**August 2**

Back-to-School Initiative, Covering Alabama's Kids and Families.



**August 3**

Public Health Staff Development, 2-4 p.m. For more information contact Michele Jones, (334) 206-5655.



**August 4**

Best Practice Series: Part 2 of 3 on Documentation - Exam Documentation: Adopting a Risk Management Mindset - 2-4 p.m. For more information contact Mary Scisney, (334) 206-2975.

**August 4-5**

Second Annual Alabama Black Belt Healthcare Summit, "It Takes a Village to Keep our Children Healthy," Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center, Montgomery.



**August 9**

Supporting Children in a Time of Crisis, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. For more information contact Video Communications, (334) 206-5618.



**August 10**

Home Health Aides and Home Attendants, 2-4 p.m. For more information contact Brenda Elliott, (334) 237-2664, extension 402.



**August 11**

Supersizing of America: The New Challenge of Obesity, 1-2:30 p.m. For more information contact Video Communications, (334) 206-5618.



**August 23**

Temporary and Mobile Food Events: What Environmentalists Need to Know. For more information contact Tim Hatch, (334) 206-5762.



**August 31**

Best Practice Series: Part 3 of 3 on Documentation -Components of a Family Planning Chart: Would Your Chart Stand Up to Scrutiny? Public Health Staff Development, 2-4 p.m. For more information contact Mary Scisney, (334) 206-2975.



**September 1**

ADPH Statewide Staff Meeting, 3-4 p.m. For more information contact Jim McVay, Dr.P.A., (334) 206-5600.